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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL

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## THE ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

### Senate Bill 1105: AAC TECHNOLOGY

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### TESTIMONY OF CHAIRMAN DONALD W. DOWNES

The Department of Public Utility Control (Department) submits the following comments on Senate Bill No. 1105. Senate Bill No. 1105 would require the Department to initiate a docket to determine how to continue the development of renewable technologies in the state. The Department agrees that attention needs to be focused on the development of in-state renewable resources, especially since there has been a variety of bills this session to expand the current list of acceptable resources under Class I, III and the potential for a new Class IV. Given the enormous interest and push for green jobs and technology in Connecticut the Department would prefer that it not have a primary role in this endeavor. The Department is first and foremost a regulatory agency; we lack the experience and the appropriate staff to handle these types of in-depth research and analysis. Thus, the Department respectfully recommends that this issue reside with a more the appropriate agency such as Economic Development or the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund.

The Department thanks the Committee for this opportunity to present testimony in this matter.